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 Applicant: Makower, et al.
 Title: Methods and Apparatus for Bypassing Arterial Obstructions and/or Performing
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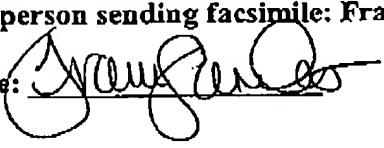
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Application No. 09/708,923) Art Unit: 3738
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For: Methods and Apparatus for)
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- In accordance with Rule 136, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a month extension of time, extending to , 2004 the period for response to the Office action dated **December 23, 2003**. Check No. for \$0.00 is enclosed.
- Enclosed is a certified copy of Serial No. from which priority is claimed in the subject case pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.55b and 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- Enclosed is an Assignment of the invention to [Assignee], including a cover sheet and Check No. [Assignment Check No.] for \$40.
- A Declaration of Inventorship and Limited Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- Enclosed is a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate A Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent.
- Enclosed herewith is an amendment/response for filing in relation to the above-identified application. Entry and consideration of this amendment/response are requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment and credit any overpayment of the filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0878.

Respectfully submitted,
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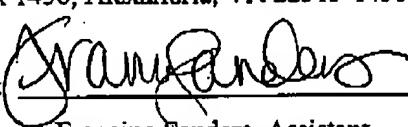

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